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**REMARKS**

Claims 1-6, 8-23 and 96-108 are pending. Claims 1, 5, 6 and 8-23 have been amended herein. Basis for the amendment is found throughout the application as filed. Accordingly, the amended claims raise no issue of new matter. To simplify examination, Applicants have amended claim 1 to refer to a single analyte, with the remaining eleven analytes now the subject of dependent claims.

Claims 96-108 have been newly added. Support for the new claims is found, for example, in claim 50. Accordingly, the amended claims raise no issue of new matter. Claims 7 and 24-95 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

**Restriction Requirement**

The Examiner has restricted claims 1-95 into Groups (I – VIII). Applicants elect for examination Group I, claims 1-23 and 59-64, drawn to a method of diagnosing sepsis in a human subject. Applicants respectfully submit that new claims 96-108 fall within the elected group.

No fee is believed due with this filing, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0872. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-0872. If any extensions of time are needed

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for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0872.

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